

Date: April 11, 2025
 To: Board of Directors
 From: Wayne Hunter, General Manager
 Subject: Chambers of Commerce Honorary Membership

Motion	
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Objective	
To determine whether to continue to exchange Honorary memberships with Chambers of Commerce following a request to clarify by a Chamber.	
Background	
<p>Over the years the club has entered into Honorary membership exchanges with some Chambers of Commerce in Tokyo, including the ACCJ. Since the move to this facility in 2018 there has been little use of the club by these chambers. In accordance with Bylaws Paragraph 2-9, “an Honorary membership shall be limited to persons who have rendered important service to the Club, in principle shall be for six months or one year duration, and may be extended for a maximum of one year.” All of the Honorary memberships with the various Chambers have had multiple extensions.</p> <p>1. Australia & New Zealand Start date: January 7, 2011 Mr. Andrew Gauchi, Chair Ms. Catherine O'Connell, Vice Chair From FCCJ side: 1. Marcus Fishenden, 2. Yuka Ito</p> <p>2. Austria Start date: January 31, 2011 Mr. Harald Alge, Chairman Ms. Cristina Schoesser, Executive Director</p> <p>3. Belgian-Luxembourg Start date: January 15, 2011 Mr. Jan de Bock, Vice President Mr. Fabrice D. Tilot, President</p> <p>4. South Africa Start date: November 12, 2010 Mr. Francois de Villiers, Vice Chairman</p> <p>5. Italian Start date: January 15, 2010 Ms. Kuniko Fujinami Weeks, President Mr. Francesco Tiberio, Vice President</p> <p>6. Danish Start date: January 15, 2011 Mr. Hanrik Irmov, Vice Chairman Mr. Stefan Linde Jakobsen, Chairman</p> <p>7. Netherlands Start date: January 28, 2020 Mr. Jorg van Leeuwen, Chairman</p>	

8. American

Start date: Around November 1, 2010

Ms. Laura Younger, Executive Director (Associate status)

9. German

Start date: June 1, 2014

Ms. Yuko Tokita, Coordinator, Communications

Mr. Marcus Schurmann, Managing Board Member

10. European

Start date: November 12, 2010

Mr. Michael Mroczek, Chairman

Ms. Valerie Moschetti, Chief Operating Officer

From FCCJ: Apparently membership not offered.

11. Indian

Start date: December 14, 2010

Mr. Ryuko Hira, President

Other Chambers in Tokyo with which memberships have not been exchanged.

Brazil, British, Canadian, Chinese, Finnish, Greek, Ireland, Israel, Korean, Mexican, Mongolian, Norwegian, Philippine, Spanish, Swedish, Swiss, Polish, Portuguese, Czech.

Pros & Cons	
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PROS:

- Potential for revenue from use of club banquet venues and outlets.
- Potential for new members.

CONS:

- Continuing to extend Honorary memberships could be seen as a violation of the Bylaws.

Financial impact	
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Potentially positive.

RACI Matrix	Responsibility	Authority	Consult	Inform
	Management	Board of Directors	Membership Marketing Committee	Chambers of Commerce

Consult Committee & Date	Comment:
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